

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Huizenga** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (18/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. McConico (1/19)

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Jones**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on April 26, 2006. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

A PowerPoint presentation entitled “**Facing Michigan’s Challenge**” was given by **George Erickcek** from the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Representative Schuitmaker**, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objections, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representative McConico**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 5988 - 5992** before the committee.

HB 5988	Huizenga	Property tax; personal property; exemption for certain new personal property; expand availability to all local units.
HB 5989	Farhat	Economic development; other; CORE community list; modify its application.
HB 5990	Hildenbrand	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; eligibility; expand.
HB 5991	Pavlov	Single business tax; credit; eligibility for brownfield single business tax credits; revise.
HB 5992	Mortimer	Economic development; neighborhood enterprise zones; eligibility; expand.

**Chair Huizenga** explained the intent of **House Bills 5988, 5989** and **5992**.

**Representative Hildenbrand** explained the intent of **House Bill 5990**.

**Representative Pavlov** explained the intent of **House Bill 5991**.

**Mayor Al McGeehan**, representing the City of Holland, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 5989**, and answered questions.

**Tim Keyes**, representing the City of Romulus, testified in **support** of **House Bills 5988 - 5992**, and answered questions.

**Curtis Holt**, representing the City of Wyoming, testified in **opposition** to **House Bill 5990** and answered questions.

**Chuck Hadden**, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, submitted a testimony in **support** of **House Bill 5988**, but did not speak, due to time constraints.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bills 5988 – 5992**, but did not speak, due to time constraints.

**James McBryde** and **Mark Morante**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bills 5988, 5989, 5991 and 5992**. The card indicated possible support for **House Bill 5990**, if amended. They did not speak, due to time constraints.

**Andy Schor**, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bills 5988 – 5992**, but did not speak, due to time constraints.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card, but did not speak, due to time constraints.

**Barry Cargill**, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in **support** of **House Bill 5988**, but did not wish to speak.

**James Ryan**, representing the International Council of Shopping Centers, submitted a testimony card in **support** of **House Bills 5988 - 5992**, but did not wish to speak.

**Jared Rodriguez**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **support** of **House Bills 5988 - 5992**, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:10 p.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

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